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Jim Bernstein, Chair  
Minneapolis Charter Commission  
c/o Peggy Menshek  
Minneapolis City Clerk's Office  
350 South 5th Street, Room 304  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Chair Bernstein,

Enclosed you will find a citizens' petition containing 17,011 signatures in support of placing an amendment to the Minneapolis City Charter to establish the Minneapolis Park Board as a separate and independent governmental unit to preserve and protect park land with all powers as determined by the legislature on the November 3, 2009 General Election ballot.


In accordance with the process set forward by Minnesota state law and the Minneapolis City Charter, this petition is hereby submitted to the Charter Commission for verification by the Elections and Voter Registration Office for subsequent transmittal to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Minneapolis City Council.


The appropriate contact for all matters relating to the verification and processing of this petition is:

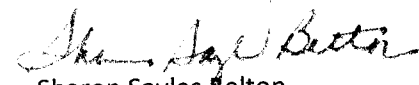
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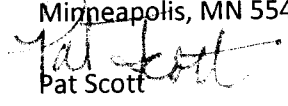
State law allows citizens the right to petition for charter change. In this case an unprecedented number of Minneapolitans have asked for change. We hope you make every effort to honor those 17,000 citizens' request. We look forward to working with you in the days ahead to ensure a smooth and timely verification process.

Sincerely,

  
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